

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Working Lands for Wildlife - G Tortoise

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Working Lands for Wildlife - G Tortoise		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Species Presence	
1. Is there verification of gopher tortoise occurrence (e.g., burrows, scat, recent photos, USFWS,NRCS, FWC documentation)? This should not be taken to imply that a site visit is required.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Gopher tortoises are not present, but the habitat is expected to be used by gopher tortoises from adjacent land following implementation of the conservation plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is there verification of juvenile gopher tortoise occurrence, thus indicating a reproductive population? Confirmed burrows at = 8” width or tortoise =6 “width.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Distance to Known Populations	
1. Is the offered area shares a common border with an area with known populations of the target species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the offered area adjacent or proximate (as appropriate to species dispersal abilities) to areas with known populations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Focal Area	
1. Will 75% or more of the practices be located within the "Focal Area"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Suitability The proposed project contains the following soil classifications based on the Gopher Tortoise Soil Ranking (see FOTG – 2(D)(a)(14)). (Answer "YES" to only one question and "NO" to the either all the questions or the remaining two.)	
4. a. Is the project area contains >50% soils in class 1, 2, or 3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Is the project area contains 30-50% soils in class 1, 2, or 3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Is the project area contains <10% soils in class 1,2, or 3?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Conservation Planning	
1. Does the applicant have a conservation plan at the time of ranking for the resource concerns that will be addressed through this application/contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Additional Questions	
1. Does EQIP plan schedule of operations provide for implementation of all funded practices within 3 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has the applicant ever terminated an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
HABITAT ESTABLISHMENT - CANOPY: Tree and shrub coverage shading groundcover species throughout the project area at completion of scheduled practices. (Answer "YES" to only one question and "NO" to the either all the questions or the remaining two.)	

1. a. Is the canopy coverage is expected to be <30%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Is the canopy coverage is expected to be 30-60%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Is the canopy coverage is expected to be >60%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
CONSERVATION PLANNING	
1. Is prescribed burning scheduled in the conservation plan? .	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is brush management or forest stand improvement scheduled in the conservation plan to reduce woody vegetation by 25% or more?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is prescribed grazing or range planting (minimum 10% of the property) scheduled in the conservation plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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